



2010 Board of Directors Meeting

Monthly Recurring Web Conference

May 5, 2010 Minutes

**Notes for the meeting are recorded by the CUAHSI secretary (Kevin Dressler) as representation of the discussion topics and point and are not the opinion of the secretary

Call to Order: 1 pm

Roll Call (Kevin Dressler, Secretary)

- X directors present, need 10 for quorum
- "X" indicates director is present
- Quorum was reached but no official business was transacted. Minutes need approved due to quorum.

Term expires 12/31/2010

David L. Freyberg, Stanford University X
Patricia Maurice, University of Notre Dame X
Jim McNamara, Boise State University X
Kenneth Potter, University of Wisconsin X
Claire Welty, University Maryland - Baltimore County

Term expires 12/31/2011

Larry Band - University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
Jay Famiglietti, University of California – Irvine X
Tissa Illangasekare - Colorado School of Mines
Jennifer Jacobs - University of New Hampshire X
Scott Tyler - University of Nevada - Reno

Term expires 12/31/2012

Robyn Hannigan – University of Massachusetts-Boston X
Carol Johnston – South Dakota State University X
Witold Krajewski – University of Iowa
Larry Murdoch – Clemson University X
Aaron Packman – Northwestern University X

Officers Present: Kevin Dressler (Penn State University), Richard Hooper (CUAHSI)

Others: David Kirschtel (CUAHSI)

1. Discussion of strategic plan, including changes made at last week's ExCom meeting
 - The current version is in the strategic plan that Hooper sent on the morning May 5th and posted to central desktop
 - Comments on the mission statement
 - Johnston: no objections to the mission statement
 - In the bulleted explanation: have a current bias towards water in the liquid form but include ambiguities for water vapor and biological water
 - Need to be careful with language as to what it includes/excludes
 - Maurice: "Water Science Community" implies oceans as well as many other areas that CUAHSI is not addressing
 - This particular phrasing could be explained by some insets
 - Packman: The mission is missing the " systems" that CUAHSI is addressing
 - Could also be addressed by an inset box
 - The general suggestion is to either use specific terms in the statement or use general terms and explain them with boxes/insets
 - Packman: Should be a statement on scope up front that could be done by sentences or a schematic
 - Comments on the Vision Statement
 - The language "Everywhere and all the time" is not very scientific and is also implying oceans again -- Maurice
 - Clarify what is meant by the word "earth"
 - Can take this space to clarify the scientific focus on the terrestrial system and then indicate that it will work across the interfaces (e.g. oceans) – Packman
 - Jacobs: The language must reach the broadest audience. Therefore, beware of jargon that may preclude broad understanding
 - Review of UNAVCO Strategic Plan
 - Hooper wrote a draft document that included a letter to the membership, similar to their public plan
 - Need to discuss action items that address overall strategic objectives of CUAHSI
 - Writing Team
 - Famiglietti, Hooper, Band – any other members??
 - Keep a version posted on Central Desktop
2. Review of use of Central Desktop to make it more effective.
 - Kirschtel gave an overview of function related to email notification and file versioning
 - He indicates that individual instruction can be given at any time
 - Suggestion to give general instruction to incoming board members near the beginning of their term to increase the use and benefit to the board

Adjourned: 2:15 pm